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### Greetings from Councilmember Nikki Amberg

Happy Fall Y'all!

I'm excited to serve as your newest councilmember and grateful for the opportunity. The past four months settling into this role have been an enjoyable experience, especially with the cooler weather making it perfect for getting out in the community. Two recent events truly capture the spirit of our community: the Getting Arizona Involved in Neighborhoods (G.A.I.N.) initiative and the celebration of Tempe Town Lake's 25th Anniversary. I look forward to attending many more community events.



### **YOUR VOTE ★ YOUR VOICE**

**City Bonds Approved:  
Investing in Our Community's Future**

It's exciting to see Tempe residents come together to support improvements in our community! With the passage of all three bonds, we can now move forward

without your support—these priorities reflect your voice, and we're listening!

[Learn more](#)

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## WaterSmart Tempe



I've recently been appointed to the Board of Directors for the Arizona Municipal Water Users Association (AMWUA) by Mayor Woods, and I'm thoroughly enjoying learning more about water management—an essential but often overlooked resource, especially in the desert.

In the October Water Conservation eNewsletter I shared my experience with a water leak and the high use alert system. This tool has proven invaluable for identifying minor issues before they escalate into major problems. Alerts have been sent out for issues such as a running toilet, a landscaping leak, and most recently, a pool leak.

For those unfamiliar with this program, read more about it and consider signing up. The WaterSmart Customer Portal, a free resource for Tempe water utility customers, allows for monitoring of hourly and daily water usage and the ability to sign up for leak and high-use alerts. For more information or to sign up, contact [Tempe Water Conservation](#) at 480-350-8351.

### Workshops

Tempe offers sustainable living workshops on creating sustainable, water-wise, and low-maintenance landscapes led by local experts. Virtual workshops are conducted live on Microsoft Teams, while in-person sessions are held at the [Tempe Public Library](#) unless otherwise specified.

This month's upcoming workshop is [Drip Design, Installation, and Maintenance](#): Learn the essentials of designing, maintaining, troubleshooting and repairing residential drip irrigation systems. The workshop will be held from 11 a.m. to noon, Saturday, Nov. 16, 2024, at the [Tempe Public Library](#).

[Learn more](#)

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## Trash and Recycling Holiday Schedule Changes

It's that time of the year when our bins will be overflowing, and we don't want to miss trash/recycling pickup due to the holidays. Tempe trash, recycling and green waste collection will change during the weeks of Christmas and New Year's. During these two weeks, Wednesday and Thursday collection will occur one day later than usual. For all other holidays in 2024, collection schedules will not change. Please check the [schedule](#) to see how your regular collection day is affected during the week of Christmas and New Year's.

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Learn more



### ASU Fun

Now is the perfect time to cheer on ASU's Big 12 Conference fall and winter sports. Show your support for ASU football, tennis, soccer, volleyball, lacrosse, ice hockey, softball, swimming/diving, basketball and more. Be sure to join us for [Arizona State University's Homecoming Parade on Nov. 23](#). This year's theme, "In Our Big 12 Era," celebrates a new and exciting chapter for ASU. GO DEVILS!

### Lend a hand

We are thrilled to have the nonprofit, [Feed My Starving Children](#) back in Tempe at 1100 W. Grove Pkwy. So many of us have packing memories with our children and we look forward to creating many more! There are so many ways to help. A \$106 donation feeds a child a daily meal for an entire year.



If you'd prefer a hands on experience, you can volunteer with a group by signing up to hand pack meals by visiting [fmsc.org](#). Each Mannapack meal costs less than 30 cents but makes a huge impact on a child's life. You can also support the FMSC Marketplace by shopping for unique, handmade gifts from all around the world in person at 1100 W. Grove Parkway or online at [fmscmarketplace.org](#), just in time for holiday shopping!

Make a difference



### Tempe Sister Cities

We had a great time at one of Tempe's favorite fall events, Oktoberfest! This annual celebration supports Tempe Sister Cities' 51-year-old student exchange program, dedicated to building friendships and cultural understanding worldwide. Tempe has sister city partnerships with eleven countries, including North Macedonia, Germany, New Zealand, China, Mali, France, Ireland, Ecuador, Peru, Sweden, and India.

Do you know a high school junior looking for a unique, life-changing opportunity? Encourage them to apply for the [Tempe Sister Cities student exchange program](#) by Jan. 5, 2025.

### Great things to do



**Oh What Fun!**  
**Holidays in Downtown Tempe**  
Starting Nov. 29

Learn more about all the fun events happening in downtown Tempe.



**STATE OF THE CITY**  
**State of the City.**  
Dec. 4

Join us for the Tempe State of the City Address hosted by the Tempe Chamber of Commerce.



**Tempe Festival of the Arts**  
Dec. 6-8

Check out over 375 artist booths and enjoy the food!

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